

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Miss Lula McBride, of Tenn., is visiting on Cove Creek.

—Our telephone is a success so far, some complaint that the line is not well put up.

—N. N. Colvard, who has been at work at Knoxville, Tenn., has returned in very poor health.

—Atty. L. D. Lowe, of Banner Elk, is in town this week doing some business for W. L. Bryan.

—Mrs. R. F. Ragan, who has been very ill for some days, is thought to be improving.

—Mr. Allison, of Statesville representing the Statesville Marble Works, was in town this week.

—Joe C. Moore, of Globe, and James D. Moore, of Gastonia, spent a few days in Watauga recently.

—We are very much pleased to state that Mrs. J. S. Mast, of Mast, N. C., is very much improved.

—Rev. Harrison Farthing passed through town, going to and coming from his appointment this week.

—Work on the new Methodist church is being pushed with a vim, and will be completed in a very short time.

—Just received a large lot of clothing at rock bottom prices. Call and see them. W. W. Holsclaw.

—Mr. J. M. Moretz is now delivering the lumber for his residence, and will begin the work by the first of August.

—Stokes Monroe and Dan Kirby two bright young men of Lenoir are visiting at J. T. Winkler's near Boone.

—Messrs. Geo. and John Moore, of Caldwell, have again been to our town. This is a genial clime for the boys. Come again.

—J. M. Dougherty has sold his mill property on Beaver Dams, and bought a stock of goods of Geo. Bingham, and moved them to Tenn.

—Rev. J. F. Davis has resigned the care of Cove Creek church and has accepted the pastorate of a church in Tennessee.

—Mrs. J. J. L. Sherwood has returned home after an absence of nine years. It is truly hoped that she will be able to remain.

—Ladies, I have just rec'd. a new lot of dress goods. Come and see them. They are pretty and cheap. Will W. Holsclaw.

—Mrs. A. L. Hitchcock, of Washington, D. C., has taken board at Mr. B. J. Council's. She will be joined by her husband later on.

—W. F. Crowder is the first to purchase a bicycle in our village, and is making good use of it, regardless of rain and muddy roads.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plunk and Mr. T. L. Ware, all of King's Mountain, N. C., are stopping for a few weeks at Mr. J. L. Winkler's.

—J. L. Moretz Esq., of Meat Camp, is visiting J. M. Moretz. Mr. Moretz reports that Meat Camp will vote down the school tax.

—Wanted! 100 dozen eggs per week at 10c. per doz., also 100 young chickens at 6c. per lb. I will sell good cheap for same. Will W. Holsclaw.

—Prof. Nicholson and wife passed through Boone on their way to and from the Quarterly Meeting at Blackburn's Chapel last Saturday and Sunday.

—W. H. Swift and others will address the citizens of Cove Creek township on local taxation, Saturday July 24, 1896, at 3 o'clock p. m. Let every body come.

—For the past week or more there has been quite an abundance of rain, which has thrown the farmers, many of them, behind in "laying by" their corn.

—In this issue will be found an announcement of Sutherland Seminary, one of the best academic schools in our mountain counties. Next session opens on the 9th of August. See ad.

—Carpet rags dyed with Putnam Fadeless Dyes do not fade, are brighter and will not stain if you should spill vinegar or other fruit acids on them. 10c. per package. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—Rev. Geo. Edens, student of Carson and Newman College, Tenn., spent a few days in our town last week visiting B. B. Dougherty who was with him there. He preached a good sermon at Cove Creek church last Saturday.

—Prof. Riddick, of the A and M. College, at Raleigh, is still at the Coffey Hotel. Watauga is entitled to a scholarship in this institution, and any young man, wishing to obtain it, would do well to call on the Professor who will be pleased to give any information desired.

—Sunday evening last, W. F. Crowder, with Misses Mattie and Jennie Blackburn, were out driving on the turnpike two miles east of Boone when the horse took fright, ran away, threw them all out and literally demolished the buggy. Fortunately none of them were hurt, aside from being badly frightened.

—Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, is in the county again, and will remain until after the First Annual Meeting of the Association, which will be held in Boone on Saturday Aug. 7, 1897. Mr. Hoskins is anxious for a full turn out of the members at the Meeting. See notice elsewhere.

ATTENTION, Merchants.

All merchants are hereby notified to return to me at once the amount of purchase made by them for the six months ending June 30, 1897, as required by law (See Sec. 21 chap. 116 Laws of 1895.) The books will remain open until 1st Monday in Aug. 1897, for the convenience of delinquents.

JNO. W. HODGES, Reg. of Deeds.

NOTICE!

This is to certify that I have requested the officers of the Farmer's Mutual to re-open the adjustment of my loss and to refer it to the Annual Meeting on Aug. 7. I am willing to abide by their decision in this matter.

Boone, 7-21. J. P. COUNCIL.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

DEAD.

Walter Armfield Council departed this life July 14th, 1897 aged 19 years and two months. He had been sorely afflicted for nearly seven months, the last three of which he was confined to his bed, when the summons from beyond the clouds came and bade him shake off the sorrows and pairs of this wicked world and take up his abode where joy and happiness, peace and plenty, reign supreme. Many times before he died he expressed a wish to go, and said that death would be a sweet relief from his sufferings and that his peace with God was surely and securely made, and those who watched over him in his last sickness can testify and bear him witness that God had indeed lifted the burden of sin from his heart and left him pure and spotless, meek and humble. Oh what must have been Walter's joy when God said unto him "Come my poor weary son and rest. Trouble not for thy past, for it shall be as the snow and thy days of misery and sorrow forever gone." And who shall attempt to describe the scene in the beautiful City of God when with outstretched hands and faces radiant with joy and gladness the father and mother shall take their darling baby boy to their hearts and rend the vaults of heaven with glad hosannas? Is it not worth a short fleeting life of sorrow here to be transplanted for all eternity where all is unalloyed bliss and a transcendent glory? Instead of weeping as we do for those who are gone would it not be more magnanimous and unselfish to lift our voices until they mingle with those of the angels in gladness and praise to God that one more soul has taken on immortality? But alas! we cannot do so. We can but mourn and grieve when those we love are taken from us. And I am almost sure that God looks down with a pitying rather than with a reproving eye on our grief and anguish and sorrows for and with us that we, His own children, cannot see that His works are tempered with unathomable mercy and incomparable love and compassion. Grieve not nor mourn dear ones who are left for Walter is now on the Rock of Eternal Ages whose foundation is built on the one who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Conover, N. C., June 27, 1897. For a number of years I have been suffering with indigestion, and failing to obtain relief from prescriptions, I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time I was able to eat heartily, and have no fear of suffering distress in consequence. I am now well and hearty and I advise every one suffering with impure blood or any of its consequences to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives strength and health. Mrs. Alice Herman.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache.

The tariff conference has agreed on the difference of the House and Senate on the bill, very little remains to be done. Both Houses will no doubt adjourn in a few days and go home to enjoy the great prosperity that is to follow the passage of the huge tariff measure which taxes us for what we eat and wear, couple this with the gold standard and we are healed.

We see it stated by some of our State exchanges that the election will cost the counties on an average of \$80 in officials fees, which will amount to the snug sum of \$8,000 or nearly so. This is reform you know.

Scrofula Sores

Health Was Greatly Impaired, But Hood's Sarsaparilla Built It Up—Sores Have All Disappeared.

"I was troubled with sores on my face, which appeared like boils. My health was so much impaired that I was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to build me up, and I bought six bottles. Before I had taken half of this amount I found that I was improving. I could rest better at night, and felt refreshed in the morning. I gained in flesh and when I had finished the six bottles the sores on my face had all disappeared." J. B. BORDIE, Postmaster, Nashville, No. Carolina.

"After suffering from a sore leg for 25 years, four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made a complete cure. It is several years since I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, but I have not suffered with any sore or erysipelas in that time." Mrs. M. J. HARTLEY, Lovett, Georgia.

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Hood's Pills easy to take, easy to buy, easy to operate. 25c.

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DON'T FAIL

To ask your neighbor who has visited our store whether we give the most goods for the least money.

THE TRUTH

is what hurts our competitors. We don't carry "Cheap John" goods, but standard goods at Cheap John's prices.

Our increasing trade amid the hard times too well proves the merit of our business methods.

COME RIGHT ALONG

and be convinced. We have the store for the people and of the people.

Moretz & Farthing.

Come to See Me!

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Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by **Fair and honest deals.**

I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

do not expect to KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STUFF,"

but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Soda, Spice, etc.

Also domestic, jeans, almanac, calicoes, cashmeres, flannels, fancy dress goods

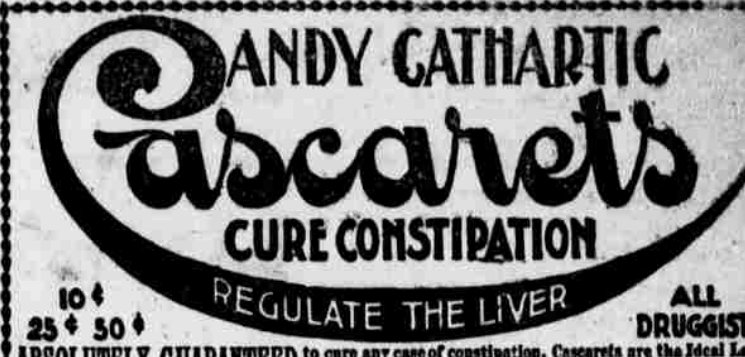
AND SHOES

I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of HARDWARE as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage.

Yours anxious to please, WILL W. HOLSCRAW.



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REGULATE THE LIVER ALL DRUGGISTS

Are you coming to Town?

Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND CLOTHING.

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am Very Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN

April 21.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO J. N. EDWARDS, ASST. TREAS. OF THE FARMERS MUTUAL—VERY IMPORTANT TO DELINQUENTS.

Office of Reg. of Deeds Alleghany County, June 9, 1897. Mr. Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir—Yours of the 5th inst. in hand and copy you will see in the to-day's "Star." Our friends are becoming, and will become, more reconciled to the workings of the association after reading your letter. Very truly, J. N. EDWARDS.

Summerfield, N. C., June 5, '97 Mr. J. N. Edwards, Asst. Treas. of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of June 1st making inquiry relative to dissatisfaction of some of the stock-holders of the Farmer's Mutual. 1st. Be cause the assessment is considerably more than the P. C. Higgins loss. 2nd. If the Association is not going to force collections of delinquent dues, and why legal steps are not taken for those of last year, I have to say:

1st. they are most respectfully referred to the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, when it was unanimously voted that the next assessment be made for at least fifty dollars more than the loss and estimated expenses, to pay any small loss, saving the expenses. The expense can not be ascertained until the bills for printing, postage, charges of treasurer and assistant treasurer and supervisors for services are rendered. For example, your very reasonable charge could not be known until the work was done. An itemized statement is made to stock-holders at every Annual Meeting and they are respectfully referred for the statement to the Treasurers reports, or the files of the Alleghany Star, in which paper they were published for mos.; showing to every fair-minded person that the Farmer's Mutual had no concealments to make, and that its advertisements were not of the "Patent Medicine" kind. The notices emphatically states that any balance, after payment of losses and expenses is left in the Treasury and cannot be drawn out except by order of the association.

The Wilkes and Alleghany associations closed business last year with a cash balance. Now as to the collection of delinquent dues; those who have paid their dues may rest easy, and those who owe them may make up their minds to either pay them or have a judgment lean upon their property causing it to be non-transferrable. These judgments are negotiable assets carrying costs and interest until paid, thus making them the very safest investment for capitalists, for the policy contract is prima facie evidence of their being on real estate, and unincumbered land, and for such small amounts can not be afforded to remain a lean very long. This is the history of these judgments in other associations, doing business on the self same plan.

Transcripts of judgments will be placed in the hands of the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer who are authorized to receive payment and give receipts for the same. All parties interested are most respectfully urged to settle and save themselves cost and worry, and the undersigned the undersigned the unpleasant duty of collecting according to law.

Under its charter granted by the Legislature of N. C. each Branch is constituted a complete autonomy, possessing the right to enact By-Laws for its own government and empowered to "sue or be sued." The delinquents for last year were so few that it was thought best to wait until after the Second Annual Meeting and save expenses and time by collecting all together. But if any one, be he a delinquent or otherwise, thinks judgment will not be taken, let him at once be undeceived.

Neither myself nor agents, at any time, have the heads of the associations. I have organized a committee, interested in making these assessments excessive, on the other hand, by reference to the 2nd and 3rd annual meetings of the Guilford, Forsyth and Stokes Associations in March, last, I donated for the coming year one-half of the premiums (on policies to be written) for contingent expenses and it will be observed that these associations are growing stronger and stronger as the years roll on, and the dead limbs are topped off. A good business is being done in these associations now, and \$500,000 to \$700,000 has been written up. As President Davidson said at the third annual meeting: "It is only a question of time, until all the farm and isolated property will be written up."

Very respectfully, JESSE F. HOSKINS.